

REMARKS

The present Amendment cancels claims 15, 17, 18, 20-22, 24 and 25 leaving method claims 1, 3, 4, 6-8, 10, 11, 13 and 14 present in this application. Applicants wish to file a Continuation application with the claims canceled herein.

During a telephone conversation with Examiner Vo on January 8, 2008, the Examiner advised that this Amendment may be entered if it did not raise new issues or require any substantial additional work on the part of the Examiner. Inasmuch as this Amendment only requests that claims be canceled, Applicants believe that entry of the Amendment is appropriate.

For the above reasons, Applicants respectfully request entry of this Amendment pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.312 without withdrawing the case from issue. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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Respectfully submitted,

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